RECOLLECTIONS OF A FILIBUSTER.

tions to Cuba in 1850-'52.

Organizing the Expedition-Sailing for New Orleans-Taking Cardenas-A Narrow Escape.

BY IRVIN MOTE.

man, only 20 years old, full of life and adventure, was working in Cincinnati, O., as a journeyman cordwainer, at a Fifth street bouse firing at us. boarding-house. It was noised around among the boys that an expedition was organizing to go to California. Ready for any adventure that might present itself, I joined that expedition, and on or about April 1, 1850, with about 50

Martha Washington for New Orleans. It was arranged that all passengers should only a short time after we left him. pay a fare, but I considered myself lucky when I was told that I could go without such payment. So the Martha Washington drew River, made a circle, and down the river we started for New Orleans.

After taking on 75 or 100 more men at Louisville, Ky., we steamed quietly down the Ohio. At New Orleans we went ashore and remained in New Orleans about two weeks.

Every other night of that time we would get together by appointment or by some preconcerted plan and form line, double column, principal streets of the city for the purpose

We were quartered in the neighborhood of a two-story frame, flat-rooted house, the the Spaniards. weatherboarding of which was put on in imitation of large, stone blocks. The house was said to be haunted, and the one in which the noted highwayman Merrill once had his headquarters. It was then owned by parties in Paris, France, and at that time there was no other house within a square of it, and, if I remember, no one living in it.

At last, everything being ready, we were oner, but afterwards released.

were not of the noblest, brightest and best island. The main reason why was that the steamed up, and, getting a pilot on board, busters. young men that Ohio, Kentucky, or any cholera had been bad in Havana, and the sol-made straight for Key West.

waves in the Gulf of Mexico, and-" My ! some other part of the island. what is the matter with me, something wrong with my insides! I am deathly sick. Was it that coffee that I drank? I am not used to

little island over on the coast of Yucatan. We went ashore there, and I managed to get some of a very large turtle that the officers bought of the natives. We explored the natives. We explored the island. It was not large, so the graves, and we had beard by some graves, and we had beard big stories.

In the coast of Yucatan. The coast of Yucatan. We went ashore there, and I managed to get the sand as a last resort lightened up by shoot the pilot if he failed to do his duty. A litting and distress that so surely follow the sand landed in the night. Some of us lay down on the beach to sleep the sand as a last resort lightened up by shoot the pilot if he failed to do his duty. A litting and distress that so surely follow the sand landed in the night. Some of us lay down on the beach to sleep the sand landed in the night. Those opposed to annexation are 16, of until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. Some of us lay down on the beach to sleep the sand landed in the night. Those opposed to annexation are 16, of until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. Some of us lay down on the beach to sleep the sand landed in the night. Those opposed to annexation are 16, of until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way to find until daylight, but there was no sleep for us. The first place I struck on my way. None except those war. I thought I could eat anything and distress that so surely follow. The sand landed in the night.

I thought I could eat any some graves, and we had heard big stories about gold and silver that the Indians were in the habit of burying with their dead, so



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concluded to investigate. With our hands and such other things as we could find to do it with, we dug down through the sand to the body, and the first and only thing we found was a great bunch of long, red hair; so we became disgusted, abandoned the enterprise, and went away, leaving the grave open. The steamer Creole came to us with about 250 more men, and we all boarded her, except a few. Up to this time we did not know to go to Cuba. But all on board the bark Georgiana were, the next day after we left it, ish authorities, "for starting to go to Cali- battle scenes. fornia," and the vessel was confiscated.

LANDING AT CARDENAS. arms were distributed to us and we donned a red shirt as a uniform, and several times during our trip across the Gulf, or Caribbean Sea, we were drilled in the manual of arms. little town of Cardenas, a small place east of

After we were transferred from bark to steamer the expedition was organized into a regiment and divided into companies, and we landed at the wharf of the little town we were marched out by companies and formed line-of-battle, left in front, left-faced and marched up town. In so doing we had to pass by the guardhouse, about 300 rods from guard duty. We were challenged by the guard, and as we did not pay any attention to the challenge the guard then on duty fired on us. I always believed the guard at first only fired blank cartridges, or at least fired over our heads, for no one was killed.

front of my company was ordered to right- artilleryman in the Army of the Potomac. face and march a few paces to the front in

It was not yet daylight. A little way beyoud the guardhouse was the Governor's

Mansion, a two-story frame structure of modern American style and a very common building at that. We marched on beyond the Governor's house and halted. Soon orders came for my company to take position in a grocery store near by for some purpose, I never knew what. But while halted (we did not know what military discipline was) Experiences in the Expedi- we broke ranks and each straggled around for nimself, but not far away.

I went over to the Governor's house, which was about 100 yards from any other building, and with some few others went in, and while in the house Gen. Lopez came in and took a knife, I think, and made some shavings, broke the door down and into kindlings, and asked for a match, and with it set the house

From this grocery we were ordered to go to another place to guard or cut off retreat of Spanish soldiers, and in going to this place In the early Spring of 1850 I, a young we had to pass on the sidewalk exposed to and about 75 or 100 yards from the burning building (Governor's house), and there were some Spanish soldiers yet on the roof of the

FIRST MAN LOST.

When about half-way to the corner of the street, about 100 yards, as we turned north, a stray shot from the burning building killed or 75 other young adventurers, boarded one of my company, the second man behind me. I, with another comrade, carried him the afterwards-notorious up-river steamer to the grocery we had just vacated. He lived

I never knew if all the Spanish soldiers got out of that burning building, but I do know that one of them did. He came from the fire, her gang-plank, slipped her fastenings, and running up to us, nearly scared to death. I her gang-plank, slipped her fastenings, and dropped out into the middle of the Ohio life. The Governor's house burned down, and the town of Cardenas was properly surrendered to us.

We stacked arms, and I, with my Captain and two or three others, got into a shell of a about five miles up the river in what was brick house, where we slept on a floor of then known as French-Town. We were broken bricks for a bed. It was hard sleepapportioned out to the boarding-houses in ing on sharp corners of bricks, so I did not that vicinity as they would accommodate us, sleep long. I got out, went on a tour of inspection and observation by myself, and withont any arms.

About the middle of the afternoon an order came for a detail of men to go to the boat and unload the freight. I was one of and march around and along some of the this detail, and on my way down to the boat I saw two of our boys, one named Kelly, who they would not do any more fighting against

volunteers who were ready to do service in up, and started I knew not whither. their country's cause for freedom.

order came to relead and go to some other was held among the officers, and it was de- she just flew. Everything that was loose part of the island. While reloading a com- cided that, as we had to unload so much of our was thrown into the furnace to make steam, a large slice of old-fashioned wheat pone said by one of the boys that but one of them set back on the island again single-handed under the flag of the United States by about home, but just now I thought I never had Ladies of the G.A.R.:

tickets for Chagres, Cal. Possibly the tickets going on, and although orders came for us to a box of money, as I supposed, to return to little cutters just flew around, and one of were brought to and distributed among us, go up town and reinforce, or help out the the island, and we set sail for Key West. diers, about 4,000, had been sent to Matanzas We had not run more than 10 miles when breakfast, and had sat down to enjoy the fresh bardly enough for 4,000 well-drilled Span- laughed sarcastically.

breeze that was then blowing, we struck the lards; so, as I said before, we set out to go to CHASED BY A

It must have been 10 or 11 o'clock at night started out again; had discharged her pilot, to occupy the building until some arrangedrinking coffee. Am I going to die right when we started, but we had to run out of and before she could make the race safely ments could be made to send us off. here, and no one near me to take the news the channel to avoid being met by a Spanish she had to get another pilot aboard. That As soon as I got my quarters established,



A PINEAPPLE FIELD IN HAWAII.

had thrown away their guns and declared bage-plant; and when the fruit is cut off the plant dies down, several from frost.

Our illustration is a reproduction of a photograph of a pineapple | suckers shooting up from the root. These suckers or slips are used | mals that kept me awake all night, and was field in Hawaii, showing the plant and the ripe fruit. The cultiva- to plant a new field, and from each old plant five new ones are thus informed that the creature that made that tion of the pineapple is as simple as the raising of cabbages or to- obtained, each of which will produce an apple in from 22 to 24 peculiar noise was nothing but a harmless matoes. All that is required in the one case different from the other months. The plants are set about two feet apart each way, and are bird similar to the whippoor will. But it was again this year, and generally more. is that the pineapple requires about 22 months to mature after the cultivated by scratching the ground between the rows to keep down many nights before I could sleep well for slip is set, and will not endure the least frost. It is necessary, the weeds until they spread sufficiently to shade the surface. The their chuck-will-widders. therefore, to have a field under glass, like a hothouse, or a country pineapple-plant takes kindly to sandy soil, and grows where the where it never freezes. Hawaii fills the bill. The plant produces cereals would not do well for lack of strength. It is a very profit- the town of Tampa we started in gangs of one pineapple, which forms in the center, as a head grows on a cab- able crop, taking little labor, and liable to few accidents when safe two, three, or four up through the country

After we got far enough away from the the point and plunged ahead.

I lay down close to the gunwale on upper for their health, only 40 miles distant from the smoke of a steamer was discovered off to deck and tried to sleep, but there was no Cardenas. There was a railroad from Matan- the south of us about 20 or 25 miles dissleep in it for me. Just after daylight some sea-biscuit and coffee were given us, and I believe some pork was issued also, and only one stove to cook on for all of us.

Zas to Cardenas, but we had sent a detachment of our forces and had destroyed the rail-steamer sighted us and changed her course and started for us. Lopez took his large cardenas by marching. But we thought our glasses and looked at the stranger, and when the large control of the stranger and started for us. Just a little while after I had finished my force-only about 600, with no cannon-was he had satisfied himself what it was, he

I also saw a list of 50 or 75 names of Cuban We got our livestock again on board, fired bar. The vessel ran aground, but not very wife was there, and I hurried to tell her my hard. The pilot backed out and rounded

I helped to unload awhile, when another town, so as not to be seen, a council of war All this time cur little Creole was not idle, rice to her for something to eat. pany of Spanish lancers from the country at- war material, it was not prudent to return and we beat that Spanish man-of-war-the bread and butter and a cold fried fish. The tacked our forces in the town, and it was to the island anywhere. Lopez wanted to be Pizarro—into the port of Key West and bread and butter I never could eat when at Flora M. Davey, National President, I am glad to be able to report a grand locked by chort borne but just now I thought I never bad locking of the C.A.B. lived to tell the story, and he was taken pris- and alone, but he was not allowed to go, so five minutes. When we got safely into port tasted anything that was so good in my life. notified to go to a certain place and get I was at the boat when this fighting was Governor and one or two other persons, with there waiting for and expecting us. Those not enough of it. them ran right between the Creole and the and we were told to go to Pier No. 21, and fight, I thought it was a little safer for me We ran all that day, keeping out of the Pizarro, which had runs us into port without there we would find a boat to convey us to just then to be loading freight, and I had no track of the regular line of vessels, so as not firing a gun, and had turned her broadside going to get away from Key West? Gen. 122. The Ladies of the G.A.R. parlor is work with indifference. By refined and gun; so, after the freight was all loaded, I to run into a Spanish man-of-war. We saw toward us and opened port-holes ready to Lopez and quite a number of others left on numbered 104, where a Committee will be

> The soldiers who had occupied the barracks were then over in Florida; had been sent over there to quiet the Seminole Indians, over there to quiet the Seminole Indians, over there to quiet the Seminole Indians, over the seminole Indians, Then the race commenced. The Spanish steamer had been into Key West and had ment barracks being empty, we were allowed we were t

story, and, very nearly starved from seasickness, I proposed to trade my soap and

The trade was soon made, and she gave me

Our boarders gathered their traps and started, and about 11 or 12 o'clock at night we boarded the bark Georgiana. Among this body of adventurers, about 250 in number of the rest of the night. We fired up, inber, there were only a very tew, if any, who get the rest of the park of the rest of the park of the rest of the park of the rest of the night. All got on board, except the found very nice quarters and a safe place to fine. That little cutter dared her to fire by the regular packet line steamer between the found very nice quarters and a safe place to found very nice quarters and a safe place to found very nice quarters and a safe place to found very nice quarters and a safe place to fire. That little cutter dared her to fire by the regular packet line steamer between the fire. That little cutters dared her to fire by the regular packet line steamer between the found very nice quarters and a safe place to five regular packet line steamer between the fire. That little cutters dared her to fire by the regular packet line steamer between the found very nice and the rest of the regular packet line steamer between the fire. That little cutters dared her to fire. The regular p native Cubans, were sent over to Tampa Bay in Soon as we were allowed to land, which a fishing smack, or wrecking boat, by the was some little time after arriving in port, good citizens of Key West, and the first we gathered our little baggage, among night out we encountered quite a storm, and which, in my case, was a bar of soap and at times I was afraid we would never reach some rice, and were ordered to the Govern- Tampa. The storm quieted after about three ment barracks, which at that time was hours' blow, but we were driven before the

empty, and not far away from the landing. | wind, which took us away out of our course. who had been threatening, and, I think, had of rations, and one of our number died very Work.

we were told that we would have to disem- follows: bark and walk to Tampa. It was said we were about 15 miles from the town. I never knew why it was that the Captain of the

pure desperation and self-defense, determined to try and find the town, even if it was night So we got ready and struck out along the beach, and about daylight came to a rugular Florida house, a little one story, round log structure not inclosed by a fence of any kind. The logs were of pine with the bark on. Near that house I met a man, and I asked:

"How far is it to Tampa?" "Why," said he, "just across that stream,

about 50 or 75 yards ahead of you," pointing to the town, "that is Tampa." I never was so surprised in my life. I expected to see a place something like a north ern town, instead of which there were only about a dozen just such houses as described above, some double houses, some old Government buildings partly decayed, a store or two and a saw-mill. The inhabitants took us right in, fed us, gave its something to eat

and drink, and without charge, for we had no

money, or at least I had not. After taking small boats and crossing the river, which was a dark-colored, sluggish stream of water, inclosed by low banks, and about 50 yards wide, we were then directed demnation, still fails to note that to a boarding-house kept by a native of the country, if my memory serves me right. A more generous hearted, noble specimen of manliness never existed. Nothing was too afforded. We lounged around that day, and at this hotel.

The first night I slept in Florida, or tried | The weekly is quicker in its action than to sleep, I was kept awake by something that kept up the entire night a scream of "chuckwill-widder, chuck-will-widder." I was ac- periment and frequent change of copy. tually afraid for my life. There seemed to be thousands of them. I could not sleep, but I reasoned that if they did not kill others they would not hurt me, and the first thing in the morning I inquired about these ani-

On the next morning after we arrived in on our way back to our homes. (To be continued.)

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It was in the night about 12 o'clock that appeals to the patriotism of the Order as ville, Colo.

knew why it was that the Captain of the but because of the heritage that is ours, 29 papers favoring territorial expansion home to my father and friends?"

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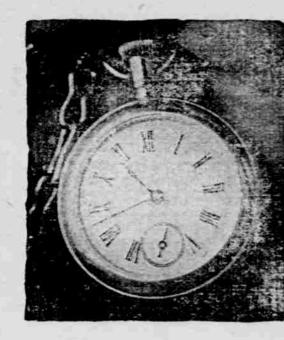
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